



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 31, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On March 8, 2005, upon my motion, the Board authorized a friendship relationship and the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the Lazio Region, Italy. The relationship between the County and the Lazio Region was enthusiastically endorsed and supported by the then, President of Lazio Region, Francesco Storace, who lost his Presidential reelection on April 4, 2005.

“The new President of the Lazio Region, Piero Marrazzo, has confirmed an interest in establishing a relationship with the County of Los Angeles, but indicated that time is required to organize his administration. In the interim, the Consul General of Italy, Diego Brasioli, Sandra Ausman, Chief of Protocol, and Mr. Joseph Ventress, Chairman of the County Friendship Committee with Italy, recommend that the Board authorize a friendship relationship between the County of Los Angeles and the Province of Rome.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Agreed to enter into a friendship relationship and execute a Friendship Agreement with the Province of Rome; and

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2. Instructed the Chief of Protocol to provide staff support to the County of Los Angeles-Province of Rome Friendship Committee, to be chaired by Joseph L. Ventress, to work with the International Trade Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage and facilitate business/trade contracts and cooperation, tourism and trade missions between the County of Los Angeles and the Province of Rome; and to raise private funding for and manage all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of the Friendship Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and Province of Rome; also invite individuals who represent diverse fields, disciplines and endeavors to serve on the Committee.

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